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REMARKS

Claims 12 and 13 (Group II) have been withdrawn in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 21, 2004. Applicants hereby elect claims 1-11 and 14 (Group I) for prosecution. This election is made without prejudice.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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